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SUBJECT: US-GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPE PLAISANT WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE INFO SUPPLIED DEPARTMENT'S REFTEL, AND REITERATED QUAI'S APPRECIATION FOR DETAILED BRIEFING DEPARTMENT HAD PROVIDED FRENCH EMBASSY EARLIER THIS MONTH. PLAISANT TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE RESULTING FRENCH CABLE, REPORTING US POSITIONS IN CLOSE ACCORD WITH FRENCH THINKING, HAD BEEN SEEN PERSONALLY BY PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING AND EXPLICITLY APPROVED BY HIM.

2. PLAISANT CONFIRMED THAT FRENCH EXPECT TO OFFER THEIR COUNTER DRAFT TO GDR IN LATTER PART OF MARCH AND, LIKE U.S., WANT TO AVOID NATIONALITY QUESTION (REF B). HOWEVER, PLAISANT SAID FRENCH HAD NOT YET THOUGHT OF ISSUES
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RAISED PARA 2 DEPTTEL (REF A) AND IMMEDIATELY GRASPED

IMPORTANCE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO DEFINE TERRITORIAL
QUESTION SO AS TO AVOID IMPLICATION THAT EAST BERLIN
IS IN GDR.

3. PLAISANT INFORMED US THAT PRESIDENT GDR VOLKSKAMMER
GOETTING WOULD VISIT PARIS AS GUEST FRENCH NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK. QUAI THEREFORE EXPECTS A GOOD DEAL
OF EAST GERMAN PROPAGANDIZING OF NATIONALITY AND
OTHER QUESTIONS IN THIS CONNECTION.

4. IN CONCLUSION, PLAISANT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE
WOULD CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH HIM AND AMBAS-
SADOR CHAYET ON PROGRESS U.S. NEGOTIATIONS.
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